

are being tried and punished by the Soviet Government for their efforts.

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That it is the sense of Congress that the trials of Anatoly Shcharansky, Viktoras Petkus, and Aleksandr Ilyich Ginzburg who have defended the Helsinki Final Act are matters of deep concern to the American people; that these deplorable events inevitably affect the climate of our relations and impose obstacles to the building of confidence and cooperation between our two countries; that the Congress urges the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet and its leadership to seek a humanitarian resolution to these cases and to work toward improving the climate in United States-Soviet relations.

Agreed to July 12, 1978.

DRUG TRAFFIC—ENDORSEMENT OF HERMOSILLO DECLARATION

July 18, 1978

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Whereas the legislators from the United States and Mexico who attended the seventeenth Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Conference at Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico, adopted the Hermosillo Declaration on Combating Traffic in Drugs at the International Level on May 28, 1977; and

Whereas this declaration condemns, "without reservations of any kind the illegal cultivation of all plants that may be used to obtain substances which, when employed as narcotics, cause grave and often irreparable damage to people's health"; and

Whereas this declaration recommends that "energetic, preventive, prosecuting and punitive measures be taken to discourage the cultivation of drug producing plants in order to suppress narcotics traffic"; and

Whereas this declaration expresses the desire by Mexico and the United States to intensify their efforts to eradicate the "cultivation, traffic, use and abuse of drugs," particularly heroin and other dangerous drugs, and to combat the organized criminal traffickers of narcotics; and

Whereas efforts to end narcotics trafficking and eliminate the illicit supply of opium production requires the concerted action of all members of the international community: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress endorses the Hermosillo Declaration and encourages other nations to adopt this declaration.

SEC. 2. The Congress urges the President to encourage other nations to cooperate in an international effort to eradicate narcotics trafficking and to eliminate the illicit production of opium.

Passed July 18, 1978.